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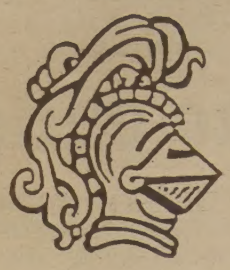

Knights clinch first place

Sexual harassment Part 1 of 3

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With a huff and a puff

An unidentified tuba player marches in the 42nd annual Niagara Grape and Wine Festival Grande Parade in St. Catharines. Sunny skies and warm temperatures assisted in drawing thousands of spectators to festivities held Sept. 25. For additional photos please see page 14.

Photo by Greg Furminger

OSAP recipients need not worry

By ELIE BENDAVID
Staff Writer

"Oct. 1. . . Don't worry!"

Students who have not received their Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) and have promissory notes for fee deferrals, need not worry about the Oct. 1 deadline set by the college's accounting department.

"The financial aid office will advise the accounting department that your financial aid has not yet been received," said Elaine Grandmaison, the college's financial aid officer.

If you are not relying on financial aid and you have not yet paid your tuition, your fees are due and can be paid at the cashier's office in Hennepin Hall.

"If no loan is forthcoming you (the student) are responsible to pay your own fees," she said.

If for any reason you cannot pay the tuition for the first term, contact the accounting office. Other arrangements can be made on an individual basis.

"I want the students to know that if they are not getting OSAP to come in and talk to us as soon as possible so that we can work with them and not against them," said Anita Beaulieu from the college's accounting department.

First-year registration down 127

Registration record broken by returning students

By CHARLIE KOSCAK
Staff Writer

There are fewer first-year students attending Niagara College this year than last year despite September's record setting registration.

This year there are 2,766 first-year students — 127 less than last year.

"That isn't a good trend," says Ivar Noren, college registrar. Lower first-year registrations result in fewer returning students next year, which means less revenue for the college.

"Next year we are going to feel a reduction in returning students," he says.

On the other hand, the college's registration has reached a plateau the college can live with, Noren adds.

The college is not expect to surpass its peak registration because of a lower supply of students and limited space in programs.

'That isn't a good trend.'
IVAR NOREN

Noren says he could double the size of some programs if it wasn't for government- and college-imposed quotas, limited classroom space, plus lower teaching quality in crowded classrooms.

Despite the decrease in first-year students, the college broke its registration record with the help of an increase of returning students. About 2,055 returning students are registered for this year - 202 more than last year.

This year there are 4,831 full-time students, an increase from 4, 756 last year, and an increase of about 1,300 students from 1990.

The increases for 1991 and 1992 were above average compared to other Ontario colleges. This year's increase is expected to be "right on the average," says Noren.

The economy is partly responsible for the total increase of students in Ontario, he says. Students need professional and technical skills to be more competitive in the job marketplace, he adds.

Niagara teachers concerned about social contract

By STEPHEN KRICK
Staff Writer

Teachers at Niagara College are concerned over the Ontario government's social contract, says their union leader.

However, despite their frustration and "anger," no teacher walk out is expected.

The union will not be going on strike because "we are not in the middle of regular negotiations and strikes only occur if you're going into a regular negotiations period," said Joan Hastings-Dove, president Local 242 of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU).

But the union is considering challenging the legality of the social contract. At this time they are seeking legal counselling. If the union was to challenge the social contract, its argument would be that "we were in the middle of a contract period and they (the provincial government) overrode an existing contract," Hastings-Dove said.

The union is in the second year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement.

Since the OPSEU didn't come to an agreement with the provincial government, and thus didn't sign the social contract, OPSEU is in a position to legally challenge the social contract.

JOAN HASTINGS-DOVE

"The bone of contention all of us have is the social contract makes a mockery of free-collective bargaining and puts in question the validity of contracts of any kind," said Hastings-Dove.

"This is the part that makes us so angry, and our faculty members are justifiably angry," she said.

Hastings-Dove also questions the necessity of the six days of unpaid leave that all administration, faculty and support staff members are being forced to take this year in an effort to reduce costs and increase productivity.

"With the salary freezes the college's financial goal has been achieved. Thus there is no need for the six days to be taken off at all," she said.

Hans Van der Slagt, vice-president of administration, said the college has no option but to follow the provincial government's initiative and take these six days off.

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Peer tutoring '... a significant increase in marks'

By ADELE NAGY
Staff Writer

Peer tutoring works.

Pat Cicci, the Peer Services co-ordinator at Niagara College, said the result of peer tutoring for many students is "usually a significant increase in marks."

Cicci said that typical students who have benefited from peer tutoring are those who have been away from school for awhile, who need help getting adjusted, students who need catch-up help because of illness or international students who need more help with English.

"We are here to help students who want to help themselves. To help students who want to get ahead — not for students who have been skipping classes," said Cicci.

She said there has been a tremendous increase in the number of students who need tutoring since she started working with the program in 1988.

One of the program's tutors is Craig Inglis, 27, of 4106 Martin Ave., in Niagara Falls. He is in his second year of the Computer Engineering Technology course at the college and his second year of tutoring.

Inglis was already tutoring before he joined the program. "I had a friend who I was tutoring last fall and one of my teachers said you could be paid for that because I was doing it anyways," he said.

Inglis said being a tutor helps you to improve yourself and gain a better understanding of the subject matter.

The service is offered free to all Niagara College students experiencing difficulty in their studies, with the Ontario Student Assistant Program picking-up 75 per cent of the tab, and the Student Administrative Council the rest. Tutors are paid $6.50 an hour.

Interested students should contact Cicci at the Career Library in the Learning Resource Centre, Welland campus. Hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m to 4 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. The telephone number is 735-2211, ext. 7769. The centre is closed each weekday from noon to 1 p.m.

Kiss the Flame

'...more to the issue than simply saying no.'

By HEATHER HODGSON
Law and Security Administration Program

As Thanksgiving approaches, thoughts turn to family, friends and celebrations. Many of us travel great distances be part of family gatherings.

For some, the long weekend will mark tragedy. Each and every long weekend collisions, boating mishaps and other "accidents" claim the lives of loved ones and friends. Many people are maimed. Others may never recover emotionally.

How can this senseless loss be prevented? The simple answer is don't drink and drive any motorized vehicle — car, boat, tractor, etc.

There is more to this issue than simply saying no.

Those of us who don't drink and drive or who take the designated driver role seriously, are still at risk.

Prescription drugs, antihistamines, illness, fatigue, frustration and emotional distraction are all factors that affect our judgment and reflexes. Statistics show that in addition to alcohol as a contributing factor, many boating mishaps result from overloading the boat, not having enough life jackets in use or unfamiliarity with the area or the boat.

On our roadways many injuries to vehicle passengers would be less severe or prevented through the proper use of seat belts and securing of items in the trunk or with a seat belt.

Many pedestrians and cyclists could be spared injury or death by observing the safety rules taught to young children: don't cross between parked cars; look all ways before crossing; cross at the intersection; drive your bike with traffic; walk facing traffic on the sidewalk, if there is one, or well off the roadway.

There is a great deal to be thankful for. We should all take that extra moment to ensure that we'll be here to enjoy it, and take the extra step to look out for our friends and family members.

For some, the celebration may be overpowering. If anyone has been drinking, is ill or on medication, ensure that if they lie down, they are on their side. Pillows or blankets can be placed behind their back to ensure they don't roll over. This way the airway is kept clear and they will be less likely to choke to death. If a head injury is involved, it may be necessary to use the common approach suggested by medical staff — waking from sleep, ensuring that they are response, etc.

By taking a few precautions we can prevent a festive gathering turning to a tragedy. Each of us has a great deal to be thankful for. Each breath we take can bring treasures into our lives and the lives of those whom we cherish. Let's strive to keep what is important to us safe from harm.

Come along, join the gang!

By TOM BRANK
Staff Writer

Achtung studenten! If your looking for a little Oom Pah Pah and Hoi! Hoi! Hoi! then Oktoberfest in Kitchener/Waterloo is the venue.

Student night during the week-long festival is Thursday, Oct. 14 and the college is again offering students a chance to be part of the revelry.

Bus trips combining Niagara College and Brock University students to the well-known Twist N' Hausen Bar in Kitchener are being organized by Jim Diodati of Instant Atmosphere Productions, a special events company based in the Niagara Region.

The trip includes return coach transportation to Kitchener, entrance to Twist N' Hausen, an Oktoberfest mug (for pre and post party enjoyment) and the opportunity to let loose with nearly 2,000 students from colleges and universities throughout southern Ontario.

"Once in your lifetime you've got to get to Oktoberfest," says Diodati, "Everyone's out for a good time-it's so festive."

Students can expect an authentic German Oom Pah Pah band (sing along!), D.J. and videos between sets, famous Bavarian food and casino with Blackjack and Wheels (with proceeds to charity).

Buses will leave from Tim Hortons on Niagara Street in Welland at 6:45 p.m. For groups of 10 or more, convenient pick-up points will be made througout the region. Singalongs and beverages (B.Y.O.B.) are part of the ride, and washrooms are on board (whew!).

Diodati says response for this year's trip is up and several bus loads from Niagara are expected. Tickets for the event cost $26 and are available by calling Diodati at 358-6023, or see him in front of the library this week between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Crime Stoppers:
Welland woman assaulted

An early morning drive turned into a nightmare for a Welland woman. At about 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, the woman was driving her vehicle south on Edgar Street approaching the intersection of Church Street, Welland. At the corner, a small red colored car stopped in front of the woman.

Suddenly, two unknown males jumped out of the red car and approached the woman's vehicle. One of them opened the driver's side door, reached inside and unlocked the front passenger door. The other male then jumped into the car.

While holding a knife, this man ordered the female to keep quiet and drive. He had her drive around the area of Chippawa Park for several minutes before pulling into a parking area in the southwest corner of the park. The suspect proceeded to assault the woman while holding a knife to her throat.

Seizing an opportunity, the victim grabbed an article from behind the seat and struck the suspect with it. She then quickly jumped from the vehicle and ran for help. Although the woman received many minor injuries, her quick action may have prevented a more serious assault.

The knife wielding suspect is described a white male, 25 to 37 years, slim build, mostly bald but with blond hair around and behind his ears, bushy blond eyebrows, blue eyes, pudgy nose, small mouth and discolored teeth.

The accomplice and driver of the small red car is described as male, white, 29 to 30 years, 5-feet, 8 inches tall, medium build, dark brown collar length hair, dark complexion and noticeable bump on the bridge of his nose.

If you have information regarding this abduction, or any other crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-267-8477, that's 1-800-AND-TIPS to be eligible for a cash award up to $1,000. You will not have to reveal your identity.

Twist and shout!

By DIANA BERARDI
Staff Writer

Strap on your lederhosen and raise your frosty stein at the Twist in Waterloo for the Oktoberfest party with the Hospitality and Tourism Centre from Niagara Falls.

The Twist is the place to be on Wednesday, Oct. 13 for the Oktoberfest student night party. Tickets for this event cost $19, which includes return coach transportation, admission into the Twist and an Oktoberfest beer mug.

This event is being organized by Elizabeth Kerr, a 1992 graduate of the Tourism-Tours and Attractions program offered at the centre.

The bus will pick up students at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre on Dunn Street in Niagara Falls at 5 p.m. and will leave the Twist in Waterloo at 1:30 a.m.

There are 80 tickets available and they can be purchased until Oct. 8 at the Hospitality and Tourism Council's office at the Niagara Falls campus.

Special Needs offers support, assistance

By PEGGY TEDDER
Staff Writer

Disability is a word too often misunderstood.

The definition is embodied in the Special Needs students of Niagara College. Clearly, the interpretation is ability.

Last year, about 275 special needs students were registered throughout the college. However, Special Needs co-ordinator Gilles Prescott anticipates numbers will be closer to 350 this year.

The Special Needs office assists qualified individuals with special needs to receive equal opportunities in order to demonstrate academic competence.

"Every individual is different," he says. Disabilities range from physical to the learning disabled. Staff are on hand to assist students to diminish academic and social barriers, helping students adjust to college life.

Services range from peer assistance; such as notetakers, tutors and classroom assistants to support services, providing liaison, assessment and counselling.

"Some students are a long-way from home, they are homesick and need some emotional support," says Prescott.

The college has increased accessibility with ramps, specialized curbs alongside parking lots and electronic door openers. However, there is particular concern over the use of automatic doors by non-disabled students. The doors are highly sensitive and must be used only in the appropriate manner. "It would be greatly appreciated if non-disabled students would not interfere with identified automatic doors," says Prescott.

The Special Needs office is located in ME 101 and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays. For further information call 735-2211.

Student issues confronting party candidates

By GREGORY KELLY
Staff Writer

Employment, education and health care top the list of issues for the Oct. 25 federal election as candidates scramble to get our votes.

There are six candidates running for the federal seat in the House of Commons to represent St. Catharines.

They include: Progressive Conservative Ken Atkinson (the incumbent); Liberal Walt Lastewka; New Democrat Jane Hughes; Reform Rob Hesp; Christian Heritage Party (CHP) David Bylsma and Abolition Party Kevin Doucet.

There are some major student issues facing the candidates. Tuition costs are forecasted to increase up to 50 per cent and unemployment has reached almost record highs for young people. Students are looking for leadership that can reverse these problems.

NDP candidate Jane Hughes promises that if elected she will make a "strong commitment to education." She also promises to restore transfer payments to the provinces "that were cut by the Tories to reduce the deficit."

Hughes says the NDP "is committed to a full-employment economy." She also states the NDP is "strongly committed" to cleaning up the environment, which will help create jobs for students in the months they are not at school.

Tory candidate Ken Atkinson says the PCs are "doing their part" in continuing transfer payments at an increase of four per cent a year.

"We want to make sure that post-secondary education is accesible to all who qualify." Atkinson says tuition costs are still a part of education and are necessary to the system, but that the PCs are looking at deferring payments for "students facing hardship."

Employment for young people is also a priority for the PCs, says Atkinson, adding that 85 per cent of new jobs over the past 15 years were created by small business. The PC government has started the Enterprise Institute that helps train people to run their own business. "Helping create opportunities for young entrepreneurs creates jobs and stabilizes the economy," says Atkinson.

Reform candidate Rob Hesp says he believes a national report card on the state of each post-secondary institution would improve education.

"Financially we would issue vouchers that would be redeemed for tuition," Hesp said. These vouchers would promote excellence in education because they would cut down on waste and would go directly into education, he adds.

The Reform Party believes addressing the deficit and debt reduction is "most important" and that job creation will follow when those issues are resolved.

Liberal candidate Walt Lastewka "does not like the idea of increased tuition fees." He says he does not believe there is an increased ability to receive loans.

"Increasing tuition fees smacks of Americanism and it lets the government decide who goes to university based on economics," Lastewka says.

Lastewka makes no concessions about employment. He said students "have to grab every job they can." He says he likes the idea of creating jobs for students that clean up the environment.

CHP candidate David Bylsam and Abolition party candidate Leonard Doucet could not be reached for comment at press time.

Last chance for additions to voters list

By JOHN BELL
Staff Writer

Anyone wishing to have their name added to the list of voters for the Oct. 25 federal election should do so before Oct. 20.

"A student can be registered in his or her parent's electoral district or in the district in which they are residing," says June McNall, the returning officer for the Welland-Thorold-St. Catharines riding.

"If they want to get on the voters list (here) they can go to the revision officer at Niagara College on Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m."

Voters can have their names added to the list by applying in person at the revisal office or Elections Canada or by a visit to the elector's home by a revising agent. Voters may also send in a mail-in registration card, apply to vote by special mail-in ballot, or by applying to the revising officer or deputy returning officer on election day.

This election voters have three ways to vote: in person on election day, at an advance poll and by special ballot.

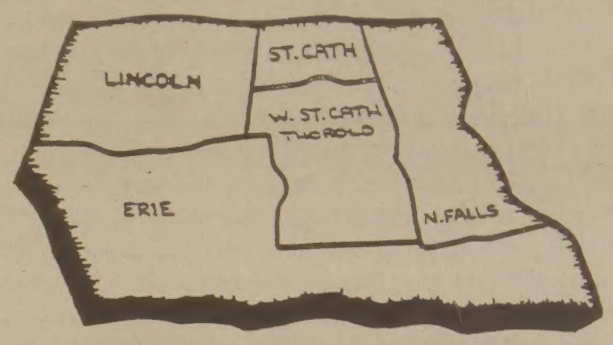
McNall says anyone already registered to vote can vote early at an advance poll on Oct. 16, 18 and 19 from noon to 8 p.m. at various locations in the riding.

The locations in Welland include Hennepin Hall at Niagara College, Fitch Street School and Holy Trinity Church. The advance voting in St. Catharines takes place at West Park High School, Mountainview United Church and Burndale School. In Thorold, you can vote at the Holy Rosary Parish Hall.

Voters may also go to the returning office at 440 Niagara St. at the Chelwood Gate Plaza in Welland.

Anyone looking for more information or applications for special ballots can visit the revision office or call at 735-4113.

Meanwhile, federal Liberal Leader Jean Chretien is expected to visit Centennial Secondary School in Welland on Tuesday at 10 a.m.



Debate will be aired again

By STUART MCDONALD
Staff Writer

Students interested in the Oct. 25 federal election are invited to attend a special video repeat showing of last week's federal candidates' debate in the Hamilton Room next Tuesday and Thursday.

Organized by English instructor Mike Collins and Student Administrative Council vice-president external Jeremy Lowe, the showing begins at 12:30 p.m. each day.

"We're looking forward to a good turnout," said Lowe.

Voting's now in easy reach

If you are a Canadian citizen who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, you have the right to vote. But to exercise that right, your name must appear on the voters list.

The recently amended Canada Elections Act makes life simpler. First, revision of the voters list has been extended to give more voters, like yourself, the opportunity to be registered.

Next, the Special Ballot has been added, so now there's a new way to have your say by mail or in person.

To learn more, pick up the Elections Canada leaflet available at your Student Association, Registrar's Office or campus bookstore. Or call the number below.

1 800 267-VOTE(8683)

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EDITORIAL PAGE

The right to die?

In a remarkable decision on Sept. 30, the Supreme Court of Canada denied B.C. native Sue Rodriguez, suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease, the right to die.

The 5-4 ruling against her has shattered this woman's hopes of ending her life gracefully.

Euthanasia, one of today's most controversial topics, is not something that should be put before a panel of judges to decide.

It's not as if Rodriguez is asking for the judiciary to kill her, she only wants the assistance of a trained professional to give her the ability to do so when she is ready. All things considered, most people are relieved when a terminally-ill relative passes away and the pain and suffering is over.

You never want that person to die, but inevitably it will happen.

For the sake of those around Rodriguez and the many others with terminal illnesses, an appeal to the Supreme Court before a panel of doctors might result in a more humanistic decision.

If all else fails, a letter to Dr. Jack Kevorkian, the notorious "Suicide Doctor" who has participated in more than 15 assisted suicides, might be in order.

Chris Russo

Journalism viewed in bad light

No doubt you've seen students running frantically around the Welland campus with steno pads, cameras and tape recorders.

The first thought that crosses your mind is: there's a reporter.

Do you have positive or negative feelings about us?

Over the years, journalists have been getting a bad name, being considered slightly above the gum stuck to the bottom of your shoe.

Why? Because some journalists have abused the power of the press.

Greed, insensitivity and a lack of ethics make reckless reporters.

A good example of this indifference is how some reporters sensationalize crime and harass the victims or survivors of crime for information without any consideration for their emotions or situation.

Or perhaps the reporter just doesn't bother to double check the facts and writes stories full of errors.

These incidents make every journalist look bad.

However, there are reporters out there whose goal is to find the truth, be objective and inform the public honestly.

We at Niagara News are learning and trying to be good reporters, maybe someday public opinion will change about journalists. I hope so!

By Monika Queckenstedt

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Students imitate leaders

The leaders of the five parties vying in the federal election will be in Niagara College's Hamilton Room Oct. 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Human Relations program students in Politics 100 will be enacting a mock debate, assuming the leaders' roles in the recently televised debates on the French and English television networks.

All students are welcome to attend.

Task force to link colleges, universities

PEGGY TEDDER
Staff Writer

A Bachelor of Fine Arts? Niagara College welcomes the challenge.

A provincial government task force in December 1991 introduced options for linking college and university programs in order to meeting the province's advanced training needs.

Entitled the Task Force on Advanced Training — No Dead Ends, the membership included representatives from the Council of (College) Presidents, the Council of Ontario Universities, the Council of Regents, the Ontario Council on University Affairs, the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations, the Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario, the Ontario Community College Student Parliamentary Association, the private sector and the provincial Ministry of Education and Training.

"The report reinforces the need for our post-secondary sector to work in partnership to create an education system that eliminates barriers between education, training and work in a real effort to advance the concept of life-long learning," says Dave Cooke, the province's minister of education and training.

The task force addresses the student perspective through studies which focus on the demand to transfer between the college and university components in the current post-secondary system. As well, demand for new types of advanced training programs which could result from the partnership of colleges, universities and employers are evaluated.

Program characteristics considered most important by students, (in order of priority) include: workplace relevancy, co-operative education, recognition of programs for more advanced training and a balance between practical skills and theoretical knowledge.

The task force strongly endorses the assertion that " it is time to legitimize vocational learning, to recognize the common elements of vocational and academic pursuits."

David Schleich, Niagara College's vice-president academic, strongly endorses the program. "Colleges need a globally recognized credential which is portable and meaningful, both the colleges and the universities have the curriculum and human resources to achieve this."

There are many opportunities for advanced training in Ontario today. However, the problem with these opportunities is that they are isolated and not part of an integrated and planned system of advanced training with equitable student access.

"Niagara College is especially concerned by the ad hoc nature of current transfer arrangements between Ontario colleges and universities," says Schleich.

College-university transfer arrangements between Ontario colleges and universities while rapidly increasing in number are ad hoc, frequently informal, and are not governed by any provincial statement of principles and guidelines. There is a great variation from institution to institution, resulting in unequal opportunities for students interested in transferring with advanced standing.

> 'it is time to legitimize vocational education, to recognize the common elements of vocational and academic pursuits.'

The report provides seven recommendations. They include:

— *that equal value of vocational* and academic education be recognized by partners engaged in Ontario's post-secondary system.

— that barriers to inter-sectoral transfer for post-secondary learners be eliminated.

— that the importance of the partnership of colleges, universities and the employment sector be recognized through the provision of advanced training programs.

— that an Ontario Institute for Advanced Training be established to initiate, negotiate, co-ordinate, promote, and allocate funds for advanced training programs at the first degree level.

— that the importance of faculty development in support of advanced training programs be acknowledged.

— that current funding arrangements for colleges and universities be adjusted in order to support college-university transfer agreements and new advanced training programs.

- -that the needs of the francophone community must be identified and addressed.

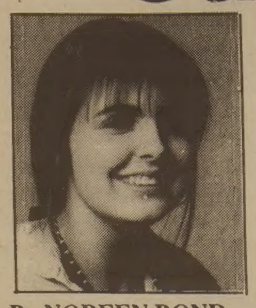
"To suggest this university-transfer mission is flint to powder for some university constituencies as the task force suggests though, new times require new paradigms," says Schleich.

The plan is still under review and no comment will be made at this time, says Dr. Susan Clark, vice-president academic at Brock University.

Students desire "a more flexible and accessible type of institution," which incorporates credit recognition of prior learning to facilitate mobility betwen institutions, minimize duplication and maximize efficiency, says the task force.

PERSPECTIVES

Canuck Comedy is a TV hit



By NOREEN BOND
Staff Writer

Are they really kids?

The Kids In The Hall, a Toronto-based comedy show, is one of the most popular comedy shows on Canadian televison today.

The Kids In The Hall has presented Canadians with a group of five very talented comedians ranging in age from 30 to 35. Ottawa's Mark McKinney and Calgary's Bruce McCulloch got their big break when Saturday Night Live's executive producer Lorne Michaels saw them perform in a Toronto night club in 1987. Michaels was scouting the clubs for new talent.

He tried them out on Saturday Night Live for a time as extras. Mike Myers was Michaels's hottest Canadian actor and he was looking for some new talent.

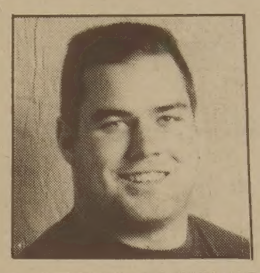
Myers has continued his acting career. He has since starred in two movies, Wayne's World, with SNL Co-star Dana Carvey and So I Married an Axe Murderer. Myers will also star in the upcoming Wayne's World 2.

McKinney and McCulloch were gifted comics and Michaels soon realized it would be ideal to give the comics their own TV show. He signed McCulloch and McKinney as part of a Canadian version of Saturday Night Live. In 1988, Michaels introduced the Canadian audience to his newest show. He added three more comics, North Bay's Scott Thompson, Toronto's Kevin McDonald and David Foley to create The Kids In The Hall.

The show has created many well-known characters such as McCulloch's "Gavin," a nerdy little kid; McKinney's "Mississippi's Gary," an 80-year-old blues man; McDonald's "Bearded Lady," a freak from a circus show; Foley's "Hecubus," an evil spirit, and Thompson's "Buddy Cole," a gay lounge singer. These characters have helped make The Kids In The Hall what it is today.

As the show continues to gain popularity, the guys are creating new characters. Most fans of The Kids In The Hall are 16 to 25 years old.

Debate continues with CFL expansion



By GREGORY KELLY
Staff Writer

Three downs and a longer field are apparently too hard to adjust to for athletes from the United States.

Recent expansion by the Canadian Football League into the U.S. has drawn both raves and criticism from fans, players and league officials.

This fan likes expansion for two reasons: league revenue has increased through expansion fees and, finally, it is clear that Canadians can play the game as well as (if not better than) U.S. players.

Expansion into the U.S. has increased coverage of the game which has sparked interest in new markets and that interest has transcended into a much needed financial increase around the league.

While it is true that some teams are struggling financially, this year's addition of Sacramento has added stability to the league's economy. And Las Vegas coming into the league next year will only strengthen that stability.

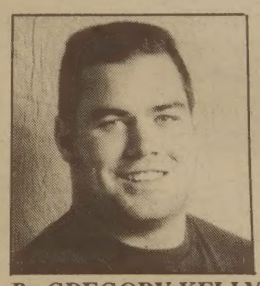
The Sacramento Gold Miners are the only CFL team whose roster is 100 per cent American. U.S. immigration laws prohibit the league from imposing a quota on U.S. based franchises. They are also in last place in the West division.

The CFL Players' Association has a collective bargaining agreement with the league that requires each Canadian team to employ 20 Canadian born players. That leaves room for 14 imports and three quarterbacks who can be either a Canadian or an import.

U.S. players have always been put up on a pedestal as far as the gridiron is concerned, and with the poor season by the Sacramento organization the pedestal is slowly crumbling.

Expansion can and will help the CFL, but the league must realize the need to maintain a strong number of Canadian players is imperative to keeping the CFL Canadian.

Daredevil plunges into record book



By GREGORY KELLY
Staff Writer

Dictionaries may soon define stupidity with a picture of Dave Munday.

A diesel mechanic from Caistor Centre, Ont., Munday, 56, became the only person to make two trips over Niagara Falls in a barrel. His latest adventure was on Sunday, Sept. 26.

Yippeee!

Does this individual not realize the strain he put on manpower requirements for the rescue teams who had to fish him out of the water? Or how about the cost of their salaries that are paid by you, the taxpayer?

Personally, if somebody feels a leisurely barrel ride over Niagara Falls is how they want to spend their Sunday then, by all means, I say "Jump." The problem that often arises for these heroes of the gorge is getting out. If you can get in the barrel and over the Falls on your own, you should have to get out on your own.

On Nov. 4, Munday will appear in Ontario Provincial Court to answer charges of trespass and stunting on Niagara Parks Commission property. If convicted, Munday faces up to $10,000 in fines for the stunting charge and up to $1,000 on the trespass charge.

It would make even more sense that after he appears in court, acquited or convicted, he should have to pay the salaries of the rescue team who had to risk their lives to save an individual who has little respect for his own life, let alone those who risked theirs to save him.

Being a daredevil is exciting; but to risk the lives of the men and women who are trained to save innocent victims who fall prey to untimely accidents is irresponsible — indeed criminal.

It's evident that daredevil Munday owes more than a simple thank you to his rescuers. Perhaps an apology for his childish prank would be a beginning.

Who is heavyweight champion anyway?

By CRAIG LITCHFIELD
Staff Writer

Will the real heavyweight champion please stand up? Is it Riddick Bowe, holder of the WBA and IBF belts? Some would wager that Lennox Lewis, holder of the WBC heavyweight title, is the real champ. The answer simply is neither.

Since taking the title from an undersized, overacheiving Evander Holyfield, Bowe has combated a succession of bums and old men, all the while sidestepping what was seen as his only real threat, Lewis. Bowe is now slated to fight Holyfield again in November and looked decidedly lumpy while appearing on The Tonight Show last week.

Lewis, since handing Canadian contender Razor Ruddock a vicious two-round thrashing last Halloween, has struggled. A 12-round decision, in a sloppy title defence against the always flabby Tony Tucker, and in what should have been billed as "Two Stiffs in Cardiff" stopped glass chinned Frank Bruno in Round 7 after awkwardly losing the first six to him. The geographicaly challenged Lewis, who has finally decided that Great Britain is his true home, is now set to fight the Gerry Cooney of the 1990s, Tommy Morrison in March. If Lewis does not pick up his skill level by then it should prove to be just as ugly as his last two bouts.

Bowe and Lewis will eventually fight each other. When they do the payoff will be huge, the fanfare will be great, and only one man will walk away with all the belts. This man will not be the real heavyweight champ and he'll know it. Everybody knows the real champ is doing push-ups in his cell in Indiana. Seething. Waiting.

Former police officer writes for children

By ROBIN GREEN
Staff Writer

Heather Hodgson has a knack for getting children to sit quietly and listen.

Hodgson, 42, is the co-ordinator of the Law and Security program at Niagara College. She also writes children's stories, one of which she told to a group of five-year-olds at the college's day-care centre last week. The moral of the story, which was about an over-sized bear and an odd-colored rabbit who turned out to be heroes, was it doesn't matter what someone looks like, it's what they do and how they do it.

Heather Hodgson, left, introduces the children at the college's day care centre to her animal friends. Hodgson visited the centre last Wednesday to tell the children a story.
Photo by Robin Green

So far, Hodgson has written two different series' of stories, one series of which was written into scripts and has been used by a puppet troop across Ontario for the past year. She has written 16 stories in all and although she has been approached by a publisher, she is hesitating having the stories published. "They're (the stories) written because they're fun, and I kind of have reservations about turning it into a business...I'm very possessive of them so it would be hard to give them up to a publisher, I guess."

The characters in her stories are all based on people she knows, and the names of the characters are the actual names of the people they are based on, for example, Peter the Racoon is based on an actual doctor, and Willie the Dragon is based on an instructor at the Canadian Police College. She gets permission to use these personalities and says the actual people do not mind having a character based on them, in fact, they find it to be a bit of a treat.

Hodgson's talent for writing does not stop at children's stories, however. For the past year, she has been writing a column for the Niagara News called Kiss the Flame. Her column, which runs in every editon of the Niagara News, informs readers of issues such as drug awareness and safety.

"I was a police officer before I came to Niagara College and was involved in safety education and drug education, and I did not want to let that type of activity drop," she said.

Hodgson says she really enjoys writing Kiss the Flame and hopes to continue writing the column for as long as the college allows her. Hodgson also writes poetry, and has had some of her poems published in police magazines such as Crime Stoppers.

Although Hodgson has a talent for writing, she did not have any formal education to teach her to do so. While in university, she took a poetry course, but other than that took no other technical writing courses. "I just like doing it," she said. "It's a hobby."

Time permitting, Hodgson would like to get in the day-care centre occasionally to read more of her stories. She was recently approached to do a story hour at a school in Peel Region, and in the past has read her stories to children in libraries in Burlington and Lindsay, as well as with children in groups such as Brownies and Cubs. Because she used to teach preschool aged children about safety, she now enjoys telling her stories now and then to children of the same age. "It's nice to get in to see the little guys again," she said. And because her stories are interesting to the children as well as mixed with safety education and lessons to be learned, it's also nice for the "little guys" to see her.

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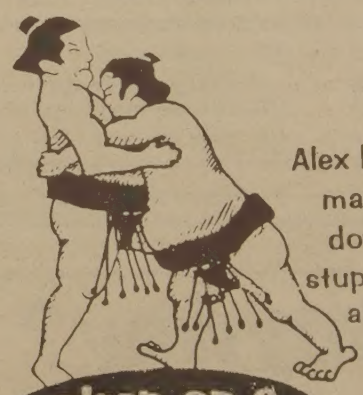

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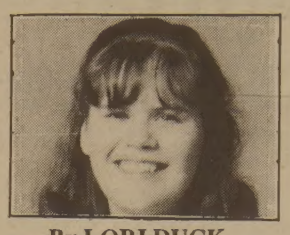

By LORI DUCK
Staff Writer

For close to a year and a half, Denise (not her real name) was followed by a man she knew from school.

Joe (not his real name) would talk to her about anything whether she appeared interested in the subject or not. When she talked about liking sports, he immediately stated: "We have something in common!" As if this was something to base a relationship on.

Whenever Denise mentioned how much this bothered her to other people, they told her she must be exaggerating. "He just likes you, don't worry about it."

She did worry about it though, especially when she started to hear stories about how another girl had to get other people to tell him to leave her alone.

Denise felt that if she ignored him or was rude to him he would leave her alone. He would for a time, but if he saw her by herself he would start talking to her again.

When they attended the same class he would wait for her afterwards, walking with her to her next class. He even tried walking her home once; having him not know where she lived was important to her. Home was where she felt safe, and since she used her roommate's phone he couldn't get her phone number.

For a time, Joe resented her friend Jackie (not her real name) by giving her dirty looks whenever he saw her. One day when Denise wasn't at school, Joe came up to Jackie and asked her if Denise had a boyfriend because he wanted to ask her out. Denise hadn't spoken to him in more than a month, but he still wanted to go out with her.

After this Joe started doing the same thing to Jackie, he asked out both of them on the same day.

Denise and Jackie even went so far as to invent boyfriends, to keep Joe away from them. It worked for awhile but he came back.

Then one night Joe showed up at Jackie's house, but Jackie was asleep. Her mother told her that he was there. The next day Denise asked him about it, but he denied being there. That got Denise angry because her safety net was being destroyed, if Joe could find out where Jackie lived he could find out where Denise lived.

They told a teacher about it and he said he would talk to him about it. The teacher told Denise and Jackie they didn't have to put up with this, they have enough pressure without worring about this.

Later that day Denise finally got up the courage to tell him to leave them alone, Joe finally got the message.

If this happens to you, tell a teacher or go to the counselling office located at Merritt 103.

Denise felt sorry for Joe, that's why she didn't tell him to leave her and Jackie alone. Don't do that to yourself, your happiness is more important then worrying about someone else's feelings.

Understanding women

By PEGGY TEDDER
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Student Activity Council is doing its part to promote student awareness regarding sexual abuse.

A one-man show entitled "I Don't Understand Women" will be included in attractions presented by SAC during the first term this year.

The one-hour comedy, written and performed by Norman Nawrocki, is advertised as a show for studs, wimps, nice-guys, jerks, dweebs, hunks, boyfriends, brothers, playboys, dudes, womanizers, SNAGs, husbands, sex-machines, dorks, lover-boys, bullies, heartbreakers and women.

It's about date-rape, sexual harassment, violence against women, homophobia and safe sex.

"All issues that men prefer to avoid," says Nawrocki. "It helps men see their own behavior and attitudes and question them. Most importantly, it reaches guys and gets them thinking. It also offers alternatives."

"...sexual harassment is everywhere..."

"This is important because sexual harassment is everywhere, hopefully this will reach some guys," says Jeremy Lowe, 19, SAC's vice-president internal.

The show will be held in the cafeteria in the Black Walnut building on Nov. 4 at 12:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Sexual harassment a reality

By PEGGY TEDDER
Staff Writer

People problems are the hardest problems to deal with. They are complicated, unclear and something we may never understand. Sexual harassment is a people problem.

In some ways harassment indicates an unseen disease, although a social one. It is demoralizing and can disrupt your life. The emotional strain can cause physical illnesses such as nausea, headaches and fatigue.

When confronting the issue of sexual harassment, one thing is clear, it's not about sex, it's about power. Sexual harassment is illegal — it violates a person's civil rights.

When does a difficult situation turn into harassment? Sexual harassment is behavior that is unwanted, such as sexual comments, looks or gestures, as well as touching, and other kinds of physical contact.

It is one-sided, unwelcome and can be unpleasant and frightening. Each individual is different, what is uncomfortable to some, may seem perfectly normal to others. Victims of sexual harassment feel they have no power.

Sexual harassment is not just men toward women, it could easily be the other way around. It shows up often in the workplace and schools and no one can be certain of avoiding it.

Niagara College, like all colleges and institutions, has its share of sexual harassment. Last year, college nurse Carolyn Hurst saw about 12 people complaining of uncomfortable or difficult situations. In most cases these complaints involved fellow students. However, some were regarding members of the faculty.

"Sexual harassment is never black or white, it is always grey, if it makes you feel uncomfortable though, you have the right to complain," says Hurst.

It's not about sex, it's about power.

It's one-sided and unwelcome.

What are your rights?

What exactly are our rights?

Niagara College has a Human Rights Policy (outlined in the student handbook) to provide equal rights and oportunities for students, faculty and staff. It states: "employee or student conduct that results in degradation of other employees or students regarding race, ancestry, place of origin, color, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, record of offences, marital status, family status or handicap is illegal and will not be tolerated."

Brigitte Chiki, co-ordinator of counselling services for Niagara College, says "each college has its own individual policy but there is something being worked on at the provincial level that will be provincewide."

If you are in a troublesome situation where your self-esteem and normal pride in yourself is taking a beating, you have choices, you do not have to remain a victim. The Niagara College counselling office provides a confidential forum for students to express their feelings.

"We never dismiss a complaint and we ask the person filing the complaint how they would like it resolved? There is always some action that may be taken to make everyone feel more comfortable," says Chiki.

She said when the person being complained about is confronted, the response is usually surprise and confusion. What was acceptable behavior in the past is no longer.

"In all cases so far we have been able to reach a resolution," says Chiki. Sometimes it is as simple as an apology but it could go as far as a restraining order, she says.

Most importantly, it is not the fault of the victim. The harasser is responsible for his or her own behavior.

The counselling office is located in ME 103.

Exploring new culture

By AMY NEILANDS
Staff Writer

Meet a new friend while exploring a new culture.

The English as a Second Language (ESL) program is looking for students to become conversation partners with international students at Niagara College.

This opportunity gives international students the chance to learn more about Canadian culture and about Canadians. Canadian students get the chance to learn about another culture as well.

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The students will meet once a week to just talk or play sports or do any activity that they choose.

There are 40 students in the ESL program. They come from Korea, Japan, Taiwan, France, Brazil, and Chile.

"People who are interested don't have to speak another language," said Susan Vandenboom, co-ordinator of International English as a Second Language.

The students can all speak English, she said.

For those who are interested and would like more information, contact Vandenboom at 8:30 a.m. or at 4:30 p.m. at extension 7507 or in portable two behind Hennepin Building at the Welland campus.

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College Co-op fees 'a total rip off,' says student

By TINA YOUNG
Staff Writer

Co-op fees at Niagara College are "outrageous," says Darlene Goulet, who is entering her second year in the Legal Assistant Co-operative program.

Goulet, 33, has some concerns about the co-op arrangement. "I didn't like having to go to a co-op course. The course covered resumes and self assessments," she said.

Maybe to someone coming out of high school it would be of some help, said Goulet. "I found it a waste of time."

She said she likes the course because it's a paid co-op. "I couldn't afford to go to school for two years without some kind of income."

Goulet did not get her job with the help of co-op. She works at Blackadder and Lacavera law office in Welland. "I sent a resume, got a call from the office manager and went for the interview," she said.

She was then hired. "I got lucky."

In the first term, there were about 65 students each paying $300. At the time of placement, there were about 30 people left in her class. "There were maybe 10 postings for 30 people," she said.

Going into the second year of her program she works another co-op term until the end of November. The $300 must be paid before she continues work for the next term. "It makes no sense, I pay another $300 to continue working at the same job I've got already.

"It cost me $600 for me to find my own job and go and work," she said angrily.

Students pay tuition plus an extra $300 because it's a co-op program, said Goulet. "And supposedly that $300 pays for the co-op department to run. For those guys to sit there and get job leads for you and find you a job."

She started at the beginning of April and finished in August. Second term starts in September and finishes the end of November. It works out to 1,300 hours of work during an eight-month period.

The co-operative education department receives some postings and you apply for them, she said. "You still have to go for your interview."

If a student doesn't find a job they can't go back into their fourth term. "Pretty well everybody got placed. A lot of them are doing it for little or no pay, but they got a job," said Goulet.

On the job Goulet is assessed by her employer. "The teacher sends a package to the employer and the employer assesses you,"she said. The student has to pass the job's standards to proceed to term four, Goulet added.

Program co-ordinator Patricia Drozdoski teaches the law course. "She is an excellent teacher. It's a lot of work, hours of homework every night," said Goulet.

"Everything she taught us was exactly how it's done when you get on the job." Other courses are taught by lawyers current in their fields of expertise.

Drozdoski said the same comment about Goulet. "She's an excellent student.

"I tend to pressure the co-op department to recruit jobs because it's essential for my students to have placement," said Drozdoski. She said she is absolutely pro co-op. "My program can't exist without the work experience component."

She said she is "really close" to her students. "They're very hard working, serious and conscientious."

Leo Tiberi, the college's manager for co-op, said the money is going towards everything the government isn't paying. "There's a lot of marketing and sales. Counselling is also there to develop job skills," he added.

"We are aware of the students' concerns regarding the fee. We feel it's important to provide value for that fee," said Tiberi.

"I'm really upset about the co-op fees," said Goulet. "It makes no sense to me. It's a total rip off."

Darlene Goulet is at her desk in the law office of Blackadder and Lacavera, of Welland. She is a student in the college's Legal Assistant program. Photo by Tina Young

Students speak up!

By TINA YOUNG
Staff Writer

Here are the views of four students regarding co-op education at Niagara College and their placements.

Cheryl Racine

Cheryl Racine, 22, an Office Administration Executive Assistant program student, said she finds a lot of students don't have the ambition to go out and get a job. "They expect the college to go out and get things for them," she said.

"I did everything, finance money a little bit, get the experience of being in a different city, going after what I want. I went all the way to Toronto for my job and got shot."

Racine and Carrie Pinard shared an apartment in Toronto. Pinard was killed when struck by a shotgun blast through their closed door during a fight between other people in the building's hallway. Racine was struck in the face by pellets.

Racine worked at the Welland County General Hospital for her first placement. "It taught me a lot," she said.

Brent Roszell, 21, an Accounting co-op program student, said co-op tried but there is nothing around for accounting co-op.

There were about 40 students and only five received jobs in fall 1991 and summer 1992.

"I created my own job," he said.

In his second year, he worked at Niagara College in the accounts receivables department for four months.

"I think you should pay the co-op fee."

"The $300 was definitely worth it," said Roszell. He said he feels this way "because of the experience I received and the money made during work at Niagara College."

Another student, who wishes to remain anonymous, was enrolled in the Business Administration Accounting co-op program.

He said he believes the prepatory part of the course should have been compulsory. "I found we did resumes in both co-op courses and in Business Administration class," said the student.

"I feel they didn't give it their all, some people were lost in the shuffle. The co-op liaison went on vacation early in winter term when she should have been out getting contacts," the student said.

The final respondent, also requesting anonymity, is from the Manufacturing Engineering Technology program.

"For the people in my course, the co-op course is necessary," said the co-op student. "The majority of us have never worked in that field before."

"I tried not to pay the extra $300, I talked to a few people in charge of co-op. I never required their services because I already had employment which I found myself."

In the second year, this person found a job independently, involving eight months of co-op.

"I didn't have anybody visit me from co-op during my first work placement. I received a visit from co-op in the very end of August. It was the only visit. I feel it is a result of positive changes due to Leo Tiberi, new manager of co-op."

"It's great to have a co-op work experience," this student said. "From learning theory to practical hands-on. I got a great co-op evaluation from my boss."

United Way in good hands

By TINA YOUNG
Staff Writer

There is always an extra hand to help at United Way.

Kelly Rutherford, 20, a Human Resources and Intern program student from Niagara College, is one of those people ready to help volunteers help the community.

Rutherford has been working for United Way in Welland since the first week of July. She got the job with help from the college co-op department. She found her first job on her own.

"Actually, the first job a teacher helped us."

People who get a job through co-op or "receive quite a bit of help are the ones who should be paying full (fees)," said Rutherford.

Rutherford said she believes the entire fee should be much lower across the board. "Maybe $100 or $150."

There were some people who failed in her course and didn't know they didn't qualified for co-op until after April. "By that time it is too late," she said, adding if the students had known sooner they might have taken night school courses in order to catch up. "There are some people in my class that are just sitting around this summer and they can't do anything until they get those courses."

In Rutherford's course the students must have a specified grade percentage. "They missed it by three per cent. Because they didn't meet that requirement the co-op department didn't give them any help," she said.

She likes her course because she is a business-oriented person and she learned to do a lot of reports and memos which have come in handy on the job.

Rutherford manages the volunteers. She gets involved with making packages and showing movies to the volunteers.

"There are so many things people don't know about United Way, so we have to train these volunteers so that they know everything about United Way."

She finds her job is "totally something different" from her course. Managing volunteers and trying to manage employees are two different things, she said.

The co-op course was "not worthwhile whatsoever," said Rutherford. She said it would have been better if the time was used putting out resumes or making contacts.

"The co-op department should look into marketing us rather than grooming us," she added.

For her course there is a magazine called H.R. Professionals. It is produced for business people throughout Ontario. It was circulated with available co-op students listing all benefits and why students should use them. No one from her course was in it.

"So many people got jobs from it," she said.

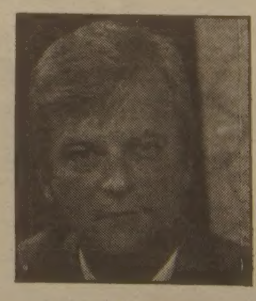
Kormos praises NiagaraCo-op programs

By TINA YOUNG
Staff Writer

Welland-Thorold MPP Peter Kormos has some strong feelings about co-op education at Niagara College.

"Businesses that I know, some that I know have been very co-operative in terms of providing co-op placements. Niagara College is held in high regard by most employers," he said.

Kormos said co-op placement gives students a break from the academic aspect of education. "They are able to make a connection between the classroom and the workplace," he added.



Peter Kormos

"It helps you to integrate what happens in the classroom to real world experience."

Kormos said he is "very concerned with the government's position in terms of educational funding.

"One, we are in a recession. Two, the government is in debt, some people would say the government is bankrupt," he said candidly.

Compared to other colleges regarding co-op, Kormos said he believes Niagara College President John Saso has provided "brilliant leadership" along with some of the new staff he's brought in.

"We're blessed to have him with what he's obviously learned and developed," added Kormos.

Alzheimer's society needs your compassion

By NOREEN BOND
Staff Writer

The memories so sadly fade away.

Alzheimers is a disease that causes a person to lose their memory permanently. It's a disease that takes away the life of an individual. Fortunately, there is hope.

The Alzheimer's Society is "very important to the community," says Diane Muirhead, a former president of the Alzheimer's Society of Niagara Region.

Many people who are diagnosed with the disease seek assistance, she said. "They need compassion in their fight with the disease." The diagnosis of the disease is "very devastating to the patient and their families.

"Alzheimer patients become physical shells of nothing. They are buried twice. Their mind goes blank, their words are no longer natural, they're forced. It is not a mental illness," says Muirhead, who served as agency president from 1990 to 1992. She was on the executive board since 1986, and continues to volunteer her time.

Muirhead is a member of Extenda Care, a group providing care for Alzheimer's Society clients. "The disease is very difficult to cope with. It is not a popular disease nor is it nice to live with. Each client is an individual. It is a general disease, but each client is different," says Muirhead. "Long-term care is 24-hours a day, it is very exhausting. The caregiver can become sick due to the stress they deal with."

Being a part-time nurse, Muirhead, of St. Catharines, knows first-hand how much care an Alzheimer client needs. Her job includes counselling Alzheimer clients to provide them with long-term care.

The Alzheimer's Society here serves between 400 and 500 people a year. "The majority of clients are elderly. The population of the society is rising due to the fact that seniors are living longer today," says Muirhead.

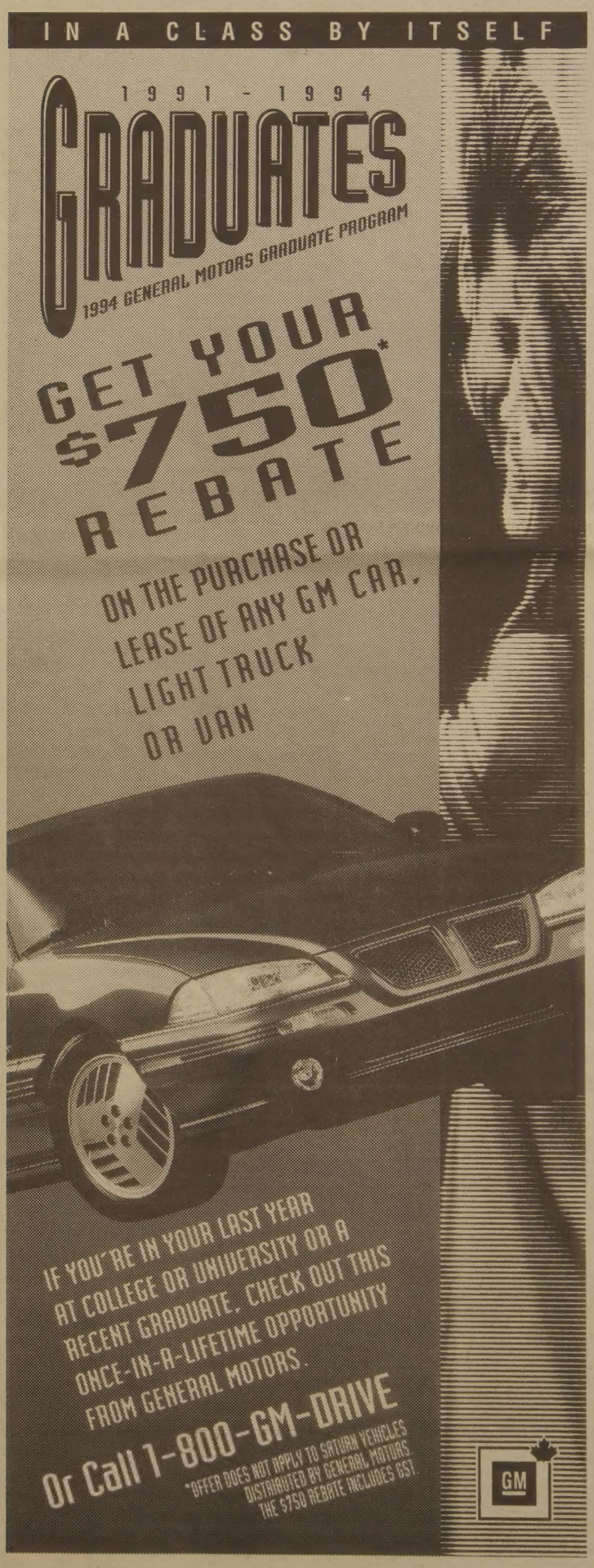
The Alzheimer's Society has been serving Niagara Region since 1984.

The society is looking for volunteers to provide counselling to clients. In 1988, the society began with one full-time counsellor and now has four. It receives provincial funding and private donations.

To promote awareness, the society has many fundraising events including bingos every second Wednesday in St. Catharines, a golf tournament, a Christmas candle sale and two musicals. Other services include pamphlets, support groups, community contacts and help from Information Niagara, an agency that promotes the Alzheimer's Society.

"Avondale stores have been promoting the Alzheimer's Society with coin boxes in their stores for three years, in order to promote research in the society," says Dian Mcateer, secretary at Alzheimer's Society in St. Catharines.

January will be designated as Alzheimer's Month in the Niagara Region to promote the society and its goals.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What to do in an emergency

By CATHY FAZIO
Staff Writer

A "one of a kind" incident manual has been designed by the Health and Safety Department of Niagara College.

Among eight different emergency areas and guidelines covered in the manual are fires, earthquakes and bomb threats.

Dave Godwaldt, assistant of health and safety, says when viewing the incident manual of other colleges in Ontario they did not cover all eight areas, but only a few of them which makes "our's one of a kind."

The Emergency Evacuation Plan was developed through the regional, federal and provincial fire departments, colleges and universities throughout Ontario.

The plan for Niagara College came into effect in Februrary 1993 but was in the works a long time before, said Godwaldt.

'one of a kind'

Glen Brooks, Godwaldt and his supervisor Mal Woodhouse designed this plan. Tony Vandermaas, a co-op student in the Health and Safety Department, assisted and put up guidelines in every classroom. Godwaldt was also a co-op student at Niagara for eight months prior to taking his position in January 1993.

Niagara College security guard Diane McMillan says security has its own plan and that it differs from the Emergency Evacuation Plan because of security reasons. She said officers are trained for this plan and in all the procedures.

Niagara College will have its first drill on Nov. 16, and the next on March 14. Drills on all campuses will differ in time.

The incident manual is put in an easy, step-by-step format for all students to understand, said Godwaldt. The manual is available for viewing at the Welland Learning Resource Centre and at the Health and Safety Department at Niagara College, in Lundy 6, or call ext. 7417.

AIDS beaten step by step

By SALLY BOND
Staff Writer

Brisk winds could not chill the community spirit in St. Catharines this past weekend.

More than 250 people, of all ages, participated in the third annual Walk for AIDS that began in Montebello Park at 1 p.m.

Joan Blanchard, head of financial development and community relations for AIDS Niagara which organized the walkathon, said 25 volunteers worked to keep the event running smoothly.

Planning for the eight-kilometre walk, she said, began last January "mainly to distribute information into schools" concerning AIDS awareness.

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Heavy load for January starts

For revised program

By GREGORY KELLY
Staff Writer

First-year students at the Niagara College Mack Nursing Education Centre, in St. Catharines, are entering a newly-revised program.

Traditionally the fall semester begins with a class of 130 students. The Mack Centre has an intake program that has 100 students beginning in September and another 30 students who will start their studies in January, said Donna Cunningham, director of nursing studies.

Those students who begin in the second semester are facing an "extremely heavy first two years," she said. That program starts Jan. 24, 1994 and ends Aug. 26, 1994. The students then take a one-week holiday and return in September 1994 to begin their second year of studies.

Another new revision at the Mack Centre is in the Nursing Assistant program. In the curriculum since 1987, this is the first year that outside agencies have not had to sponsor the program because the centre received a grant from the provincial Ministry of Health.

"Graduates from the centre face a low point of employment nationally at this time," said Cunningham. "The greatest demand for new graduates will come in health clinics, long term care and health promotions." The weakest area will be seen in acute care positions, (medical emergencies) she added.

Hospitals are facing provincial cutbacks which mean shorter stays for patients and smaller staffs for hospitals.

Card gives students half off 'Phantom'

By GREG FURMINGER
Staff Writer

The play's the thing — and now it's offered at half price.

Tickets to see Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Phantom of the Opera may now be purchased by students at 50 per cent off regular ticket prices through a special offer presented by Live Entertainment of Canada Inc. Regular ticket prices range from $57 to $91.

The Student Discount Theatre Program is an incentive for financially restricted, post-secondary students to experience live theatre.

A student discount theatre card must be obtained to purchase a maximum two tickets for Wednesday and Thursday matinee and evening performances. Discount cards are available in the SAC office. The discount ends April 24, 1994.

Phantom is in its fifth year at the Pantages Theatre in Toronto, and has become the longest running musical in Canadian history.

Community Walk for AIDS raises over $16,000

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More than $16,000 was raised this year through pledges, surpassing last year's total of $13,000.

Students from Denis Morris High School were once again the most noticeable group at registration. First-time walker Rose Kormendy, 17, said it is important for teachers to discuss AIDS in class as students, particularly at the elementary level, are "ignorant" about the disease. Kormendy, along with her three friends, helped to raise $168 in pledge money.

Reverend John Burke, of St. John's Anglican Church in Port Dalhousie, said he was pleased with the turnout at registration, which included some of his own parishioners. A volunteer himself with AIDS Niagara, Burke said the church had adopted the offical slogan "Our Church Has AIDS - We Need To Talk" three years ago. Still, he said, "people don't necessarily want to talk about (AIDS)."

At the ribbon-cutting ceremony prior to the walk, Norma Medulin, chairperson of AIDS Niagara, said she was "really impressed with the volunteer effort" as the money raised helps fund programs that receive no financial backing from the government.

Mike Collins, a teacher at Niagara College as well as a Niagara Region councillor from St. Catharines, told participants he was "proud " to be at the Walk for AIDS and stressed that the disease is "something that affects each and every one of us."

Feeling sick? Cold or flu? It's up to you

By ELAINE DOOLITTLE
Staff Writer

Are you hot with a fever? When you swallow does it hurt? Do you just want to stay in bed because you are tired and just don't feel well?

If this is the way you feel, it is probably a cold, or worse — the flu.

What's the difference between having a cold and having the flu? You've probably asked yourself that question many times.

Through reading books, pamphlets and news articles differences appear.

The flu — or influenza is a lower respiratory infection characterized by fever, headache, sore throat, fatigue and weakness that lasts a few days and is highly contagious.

How does one get the flu? It is spread by virus infected droplets coughed or sneezed into the air, or by having direct contact with people that are contagious. The virus infects the nose, throat and can enter small airwaves in the lungs. Usually in the winter months when people are indoors more they come into contact with it.

The start of the flu usually begins suddenly and can be severe

If you are a normally healthy person and you get the flu, you will probably feel miserable for about a week or more but you will get over it. However, if you are considered a high-risk person complications could develop. The most common is pneumonia, which could be fatal.

Cold symptoms are close to those of the flu. A fever is rare but could happen. A headache is rare, aches and pains are rare, fatigue is mild, stuffy nose is common, sneezing is usual, a sore throat is common and cough or chest discomfort can be from mild to moderate hacking — but shouldn't be that painful, unlike the flu when coughing is common and can become severe.

The start of the flu usually begins suddenly and can be severe; a cold takes its time coming and can be hard to tell if it's there or not.

A good way to help yourself if you get the flu is to see a doctor and seek advice. This way you will know exactly how to take care of it.

AIDS AWARENESS WEEK OCTOBER 4 - 10, 1993

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Nursing program graduates bilingual students

By AIMEE PHILIPPE
Staff Writer

Bonjour mes amis! Comment ca va?

The Nursing Assistant program, which began Jan. 4 for the first time as a bilingual program, graduated 13 students on Sept. 17, 1993.

Foyer Richelieu was chosen as the site for the graduation ceremonies because they wanted a francophone centre.

"We wanted a French ambiance," said Doris Evans, co-ordinator of the Home Support Worker and Health Care Aid/Aide En soins de sante program.

The college dignitaries included David Schleich, vice-president of academics, Maurice Glaude of the college's board of governors, Anne Audet Giroux, director of French language services, Donna Cunningham, director of the nursing division, and Desmond McCurry from the registrar's office.

Two prizes were given by Club Richelieu and the professors of the program.

Evans said the Nursing Assistant program provides for the career of the future. "Hospitals are hiring nursing assistants, they can work everywhere. Nursing homes, doctor's offices, in the community. They are very well in demand." She said the bonus with the graduates is that they are bilingual.

Speeches were made by David Schleich, Maurice Glaude, Anne Audet Giroux and Donna Cunningham who made the only speech all in English.

"Keep going, keep smiling and now that you're going to be making money, pay your taxes," Schleich said to the graduates.

Cunningham arrived in 1989 and advised Evans of the French program. She wanted to gain government grants to have the French Nursing Assistant program. The goal was to "gain funding to offer the program," Cunningham said.

As the graduates went up one by one, they received their certificates and pins. It was a happy moment.

Valedictorian Carolle Charette, 21, made the last speech of the evening. She thanked everyone and joked about the characteristics of each of her fellow classmates and circumstances that happened at the Welland County General Hospital. Charette, who was raised in Windsor and moved here two years ago, wanted to be a nursing assistant because she "wanted to help other people and work with the public and thought that would be a really good way." She adds, "I have a soft spot for the elderly."

The graduates included: Linda Allaire, Denise Aubry, Carole Beaudin, Michlene Bourque, Carolle Charette, Daniel Desmarais, Suzie Gascon, Serge Gingras, Doris Goertzen, Therese Laprise, Huguette Romano and Kim Valcourt.

Historic photograph of Mack Nursing Education Centre faculty

Photo by Roy Timm, Special to Niagara News

Mack Centre finally caught on camera

By SALLY BOND
Staff Writer

After more than 10 years, the faculty at Niagara College's Mack Nursing Education Centre in St. Catharines have finally been caught on camera.

Diane Bond and Jan Jenter, both nursing professors at the campus, organized a group photo this past May of the 36 faculty and support staff who work at the centre.

The idea first surfaced last year after the deaths of two college professors. While trying to organize a memorial for the teachers, it was soon realized that there were no formal or current pictures of them.

Bond, who has taught at the college for the past 10 years, said "the last picture was taken many years ago, even before I started." With that in mind, at an autumn divisional meeting, she suggested that a group portrait of all staff be taken.

Enlisting the help of Roy Timm, a photography teacher at the college, the picture was taken in the main hall of the campus. Bond said it was important to include not only teaching faculty but all full-time support staff as well, who she said are "vital to the college."

Picture a 'morale booster'

The picture proved to be a "morale booster" as staff felt a sense of comradery in participating, said Bond.

The costs of the sitting fee and the pictures were divided among staff. Donna Cunningham, director of nursing at the college, arranged to have a copy purchased and hung at the Mack Centre.

Changes may mean more jobs

By MONIKA QUECKENSTEDT
Staff Writer

Changes in Ontario's health system could mean more jobs available for pharmacy assistants, and Niagara College's new Pharmacy Assistant program is ready!

"Ontario drug benefits are being reformed," said pharmacy consultant Peter Thornley, 40, of St. Catharines. "A different practice of pharmacy called pharmaceutical care means the pharmacist directly responds to the patient, not the physician, to make sure the drug therapy is appropriate."

Students are training to "perform the duties as outlined by the Ontario College of Pharmacy," said Bob Baddeley, director of Niagara College's allied health studies division.

These guidelines say the pharmacy assistant "does everything under the supervision of the pharmacist," said co-ordinator Bobbi Gazzellone, 35.

Full- and part-time pharmacists teach the core courses.

The 20 students are eligible for sponsorship by the Niagara Industrial Training Advisory Corporation (NITAC) because they either receive Unemployment Insurance or are laid off and unable to find work, says Baddeley.

Have a heart, save a life

By JOHN BELL
Staff Writer

Have a heart!

The Port Colborne/Wainfleet chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario is asking students to volunteer for the executive positions of vice-president, secretary, special events chair and publicity co-chair. Members for the communications and publicity committees are also needed.

"Students can save a life," said publicity chair Dorothy McPherson in a telephone interview. "It (volunteering) is really a worthwhile venture."

McPherson said the foundation will also need volunteers for the annual door-to-door canvass in February.

"We normally have about 66 door-to-door canvassers, but more are always needed."

She said the foundation has over 70,000 volunteers and 65 chartered chapters in Ontario. Heart disease is Canada's biggest killer as Canadians have 40,000 strokes and another 14,000 related deaths every year, she said.

"The foundation has helped lower death rates from cardiovascular disease by 34 per cent in the last decade," she said. "Twenty thousand lives per year have been saved as a result."

McPherson said students interested in volunteering can contact chapter President Mary Nan at 834-9520 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and at 834-5155 after September.

Money raised for Muscular Dystrophy

By DANIELLE MEVILLE
Staff Writer

An evening of intrigue raises awareness and money.

The Ramada Renaissance in Niagara Falls played host to the Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, which aired on regional television during the Labor Day weekend.

The Niagara Region raised about $4,100 this year thanks to hosts Janice Mackey of Youth Television (YTV) and Stu Black of Niagara College.

It was the second year as co-host duties for Black, Niagara College's co-ordinator of Broadcasting-Radio, Television and Film program.

"We always teach students to get involved. This was an opportunity not to be missed," said Black.

This year's theme was a murder mystery dinner. Tickets were given to people in the community interested in taking part in the dinner. Throughout the evening, the murder took place. The studio audience and phone-in viewers had the opportunity to solve the murder and win prizes. Top prizes included weekend stays at the Toronto Renaissance, the Niagara Falls Renaissance, a murder mystery New Year's Eve party and free pay TV from Maclean Hunter, said Keith Lindberg, event organizer.

The program changed slightly from last year, where only telephones were used without a separate telecast.

Other Niagara College personnel involved in the broadcast were floor director Glenn Heshka and technical director Tom Pagonis.

Next year, expansion and live coverage from St. Catharines and Welland is expected. Niagara Region talent will be showcased along with celebrity inserts from the producers in Toronto.

Although the plans for next year are not definite, look for a higher profile concept with a longer running time for pledges.

BUSINESS

Mr. Sub is at Niagara

By SALLY BOND
Staff Writer

Mouths are watering once again at Niagara College.

This past Sept. 16 saw the opening of a Mr. Sub cart located in the main cafeteria of the Black Walnut Building.

Helen Pepe, assistant director of Versa Food Services for the college, said the staff received on-the-job training at an existing Mr. Sub location as well as direction from Ann Scott, area manager for the franchise, to ensure the "high standards (that) Mr. Sub dictates."

So far, Pepe said, the Mr. Sub cart has been "very well received," as students appreciate the freshness of the product and being able to see the sub made right before them.

Along with the regular meat subs, Mr. Sub also provides seafood and vegetarian subs, all of which range in price from $1.98 to $5.48 and are available weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pepe said she is hopeful that a promotion will be launched in October featuring Mr. Sub and Coca-Cola.

Prices on the whole in the cafeteria, said Pepe, remained "frozen" at last year's price with only some items having "very slight price increases."

Along with the new Mr. Sub, Robin's Donuts has been added to the food cart in the Simcoe Building outside of the library to serve students better.

The Alumni Association wants you

By ELIZABETH BROWN
Staff Writer

Come as you were.

This is what the Alumni Association at Niagara College wants from you.

The second annual Homecoming will be held Oct. 16 at the college Student Centre at the Welland campus.

"Dress the way you did," says Sophie Aggelonitis, Alumni Foundation consultant. "It is a very casual event."

The event begins at noon in After Hours. At this time, alumni will pick up name tags, and a message board will be posted where alumni can leave or receive messages from other alumni.

At the Welland campus library, such items as yearbooks, videos, copies of the Niagara News and other memorabilia will be on display.

A euchre tournament is also scheduled for Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Pre-registration is reguired and space is limited. Those interested are asked to contact the college as quickly as possible.

At 4:30 p.m., an exhibition hockey game will be held with Niagara College against Buffalo State University. The game will be held at the Welland arena on King Street. Tickets are available at the arena.

A dinner and "Come as You Were" dance will be held in the Black Walnut Building. Tickets cost $25 and can be purchased at the door. The meal, which includes a hot and cold buffet, will be catered by Eddy's Place of St.Catharines.

The night will end with a dance, featuring Stu Black, co-ordinator of the Broadcasting, Radio, Television and Film program as the DJ. There will be a cash bar at the dance, with prizes given for the best costume in each decade of the 60s, 70s and 80s.

Niagara College President John Saso is also expected to attend the event.

"It's nice to come and see some old friends," Aggelonitis said. "We are hoping for a great response."

Business enrolment is on the rise

By ALAN GILDAY
Staff Writer

It's business as usual for the Business Studies program this year, well almost.

Director of Business Studies, Dave Abrahams, recently commented on some of the changes to this year's programming in the business studies department. The department is continuing to offer Niagara Industry Training and Advisory Council (NITAC) training courses which are sponsored by NITAC and Employment and Immigration Canada.

"We are also starting a new course in the area of technical sales on Nov. 1, 1993," said Abrahams. "Participants will learn the different techniques involved in the sale of technical products. This program is also sponsored by the government and is designed to provide training to people that are presently receiving some form of social assistance."

The technical sales program is bound to provide people with the training they need to get a decent job, and according to a recent survey, the technical sales field will increase in demand by almost 40 per cent.

The business studies department is looking into the possibility of introducing a new program which will combine areas of merchandising, retail, sales and promotions into one course. The first two semesters would involve a general business program with an option available that would allow students to study one specific subject area in detail.

Abrahams said enrolment in the business studies department is down slightly from last year with 240 students registered in first-year courses.

He went on to point out that there are many possible reasons for the decline.

"It depends on the program," he said. "Enrolment in the Information Systems course is low, but then we're turning people away in the Computer Programmer program. Generally, the enrolment distribution is pretty well even. Overall, the college's enrolment is up 3.3 per cent from last year. Many students waited until the last minute to enrol because they may not be able to afford it."

The director was concerned about the recent restructuring of courses throughout the college.

"The credit value and the number of in-class hours in some of the courses was reduced and students should check with the co-ordinator of their course to see that they will have all of the requirements needed for graduation. During the next three years, for example, graduates of the three-year Accounting program will each have different course requirements for graduation."

In some programs, attrition or students that choose not return to school plays a role in the structure that the program takes. In some co-op programs, students spend eight months in the field and are sometimes offered jobs. At the end of their placement, they are forced to decide whether to return to school and graduate or continue to work.

New college program is ready for 1990s

By JILLIAN WATSON
Staff Writer

Niagara College is game for the '90s.

A new Manufacturing Leadership Certificate program is developing through a four-way venture between Niagara College, Mohawk College, Sheridan College and the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

The six-credit program, offered by the Continuing Education department, is for supervisors or those about to be one.

The program is designed to meet the needs of the manufacturing sector: to assist supervisors in developing leadership capabilities.

Students are required to take 180 hours of instruction including five mandatory courses and one elective: Supervisory and Management Techniques, Coaching and Developing People, Maintaining Effective Teams, Computer Literacy/Application and Continuous Improvement Processes.

Niagara, Mohawk and Sheridan colleges share a common program after working together to design a curriculum. By "using collective resources" the partnership is able to produce a product that is valid to the community, said Niagara College's George Repar, director of Joint Ventures.

"It's not surprising that we have both interest and full participation from the three college departments and the CMA," he said.

Development of the program began after the CMA, a national association representing manufacturers of every size and kind, approached the three colleges in 1991 with concern that the industry's needs were not being met.

"Our mandate is to help manufacturers accomplish downsizing by helping them become more competitive," said program co-ordinator Bob Bayett of the CMA. The association wanted courses specifically tailored to industry's needs.

Repar said it was "a great opportunity to work on something together."

Repar, who is responsible for forming partnerships with businesses, industries, and other institutions, said the program is one of many skills-training ventures planned by the partnership.

Niagara College's development officer Art Domenicucci said it is a "beneficial partnership arrangement" that has taught three colleges to work together.

"Working together in harmony is a signal of things to come," said Repar. "Collaboration is the name of the game for the '90s."

Businesses are helping students

By SALLY BOND
Staff Writer

Niagara College and the community have come together to help cash-strapped students.

Businesses throughout the Welland area are offering students discounts with their student Identification Cards. While the college has no offical list of these stores, advertisments in After Hours and the college calender recognize Sasani Optical at 144 Division St. and Burger King at 724 Niagara St. as offering student specials.

The YMCA, located at 285 East Main St. in Welland, provides free public swimming for students with their Niagara College I.D. card. The adult swim times are: Monday to Friday 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., and again at 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. Weekend times are Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Sundays at 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

As another means of saving money, the college is offering the Student Price Card for $6 which includes a pocket-sized directory of participating stores as well as a membership card and is available in the SAC office and in S205.

"You can get your $6 worth from the first use," said Leanne Newton, vice-president of External Affairs and a second-year Interior Design student. The card, which is valid in more than 350 stores across Ontario until July 31, 1994, entitles students to 10 to 30 per cent off their purchases and free offers.

About $1.50 from each Student Price Card purchased will help fund the Interior Design program's November trip to Falling Waters, Pa. The remaining proceeds, said Newton, will go to the United Way of Welland.

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BUDGETING TIPS FOR STUDENTS

Are You Giving your Money the Treatment It Deserves?

This year, more than others, students should budget their money. Especially those collecting government assistance. Under the new loan-only system students are going to have to start paying back the loans starting the month after they graduate since the government has taken away the six month grace period.

It is tough to make ends meet. Even for those of us who have the resources We all like to have things that we really can't afford. When we have a little money in our hands (like a big fat OSAP cheque), we tend to forget our obligations until it is too late. We buy things that will create a shortfall in one's cashflow before the end of the term.

This article asks you to simply think about your money. If you want your money toserve you well - with minimum worry and maximum benefit - give your money the attention it deserves.

Where Does The Money For Your Education Come From?

In general, before your money can work for you, you must work for it. However, in addition to your own earning power you can rely on other financial resources to in order to finance your education.

Money can come to you in a variety of ways.

- ☐ savings from previous employment and summer employment;
- ☐ investment income (if applicable);
- ☐ part-time employment during your study period;
- ☐ help from your parents, relatives spouse, or friends;
- ☐ scholarships or bursaries
- ☐ government loans

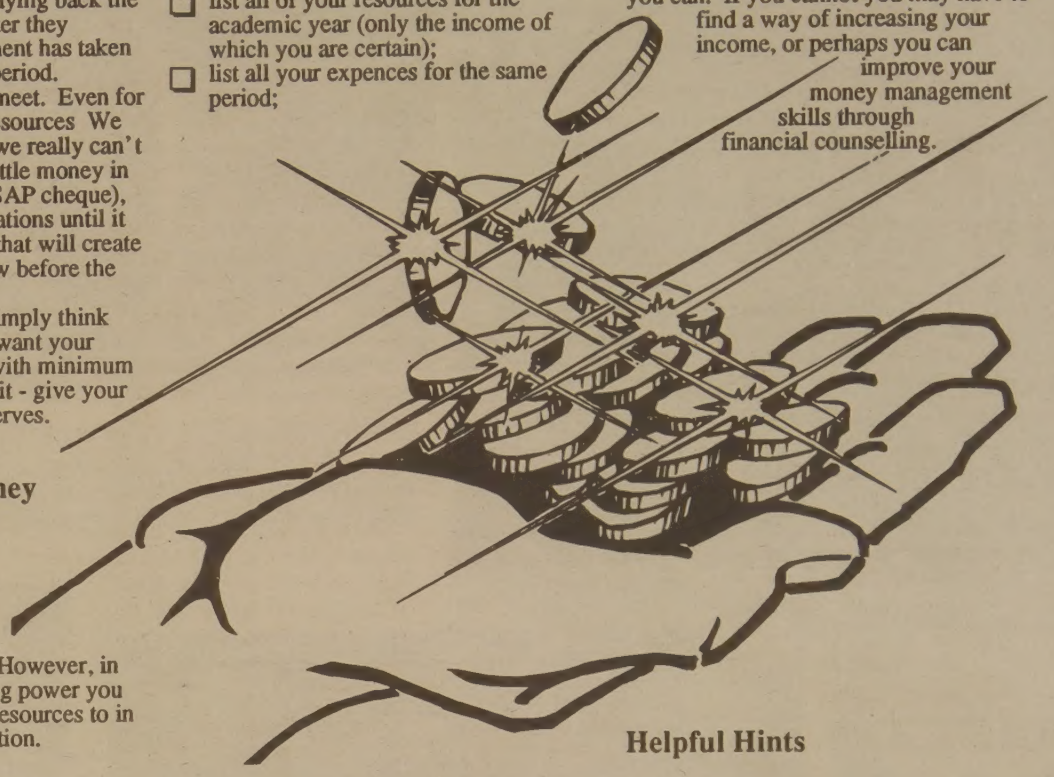
Where Does Your Money Go?

No matter where your money comes from, you should know where it is going. So you must make plans for your money. This is where a budget comes in. A budget is a plan of action - a commitment that you will not place excess demands on your money. It is a record of where your money goes and what it does for you, and it keeps you up-to-date on how much money you have left.

How Should You Budget Your Money?

The sample budget on this page shows you how. Using a pencil, in case you have to make adjustments, proceed as follows:

- ☐ list all of your resources for the academic year (only the income of which you are certain);
- ☐ list all your expences for the same period;



- ☐ subtract your expences from your resources (this will result in either a positive or negative balance);
- ☐ check your figures again to be sure you have not miscalculated.

Foolish Spending. . . Can Result In Money Being Scarce

Is Your Balance Positive?

If it is, **congratulations!** You are off to a good start. Remember to keep a reserve for unexpected expenses Money has a way of making itself scarce when you place unexpected demands upon it. Remember also, that money - even if it is "excess funds" - should not be foolishly spent. Like unexpected demands, foolish spending can result is money being scarce

Is Your Balance Negative?

If it is, you wil have to make some adjustments, otherwise you will be expecting too much from your money, and it will react by being an endless source of worry to you. Reduce your expenses, if you can. If you cannot you may have to find a way of increasing your income, or perhaps you can improve your money management skills through financial counselling.

Helpful Hints

- ☐ **Frequently review and update your budget to keep it current.**
- ☐ **Choose a bank on or near the campus.**
- ☐ **Deposit your money in a savings account. You will receive a higher rate of interest and your inability to write cheques will act as a safeguard to over-spending.**

If you have previous government loans, always file a "confirmation of enrolment" form with your bank for both Canada and or provincial loans in order to maintain interest free status.

Forms are available at the colleges financial aid office (or any chartered bank).

- ☐ **Carefully read all documentation and instructions pertaining to student loans. Do not take anything for granted. Know what obligations are attached to these loans and, if in doubt, ask questions.**
- ☐ **Niagara College will accept payment of tuition by means of:**

Cash
Cheque
Money Order
Visa or Master Card
Post-dated cheques will not be accepted.

- ☐ **Do not ignore statements of overdue accounts. If you are unable to remit payment immediately, discuss the matter in writing with the party concerned.**

There is no grace period on your loans. Graduating students, or those students not returning to school, will accrue interest on their loans starting on the first complete month from your final day of school.

The grace period on loans has been traded in for no front end fee usually charged by the bank when students picked up their loans.

This may end up costing students more in the long-run because the interest accrued on the first six months of your loan will be more than the 3 per cent fee the banks used to charge.

All the money that you get from OSAP will have to be paid back this year. What you do with your money is up to you. Spend it wisely, learn how to budget and you will be one step ahead when you graduate.

By ELIE BENDAVID
Staff Writer

Student Budget

Expenses

Instructions: Where a figure does not have to be multiplied by the number of months or terms in the academic year, calculate the amount for the full study period (i.e. books).

Education Expenses		
Tuition and compulsory fees		$ _____
Books, equipment and supplies		$ _____
Field trips/placements		$ _____
Personal and Living Expenses		
Rent or mortgage payments	$_____ x _____ months =	$ _____
Utilities (hydro, water, gas, telephone, cable TV, etc)	$_____ x _____ months =	$ _____
Food	$_____ x _____ months =	$ _____
Transportation		
Local	$_____ x _____ weeks =	$ _____
Out-of-Town	$_____ x _____ trips =	$ _____
Entertainment		
Monthly (i.e. movies, parties, sports, etc.)	$_____ x _____ months =	$ _____
Other Expenses (monthly)		
Coffee breaks/snacks	$_____ x _____ months =	$ _____
Personal	$_____ x _____ months =	$ _____
Dry cleaning/laundry	$_____ x _____ months =	$ _____
Medication/Dentist	$_____ x _____ months =	$ _____
Doctor	$_____ x _____ months =	$ _____
Clothing	$_____ x _____ months =	$ _____
Property taxes	$_____ x _____ months =	$ _____
Insurance premiums (car, household and life/medical)	$_____ x _____ months =	$ _____
Alimony or support payments	$_____ x _____ months =	$ _____
Babysitting/childcare	$_____ x _____ months =	$ _____
Personal loans/payments	$_____ x _____ months =	$ _____
Bank loans/payments	$_____ x _____ months =	$ _____
Gifts (birthday, Christmas, other)	$_____ x _____ months =	$ _____
Miscellaneous	$_____ x _____ months =	$ _____
Total Expenses		$ _____

Income/Resources

Savings		$ _____
Investment Income		$ _____
Money from parents, spouse, etc.		$ _____
Part-time work	$_____ x _____ months =	$ _____
Government: Grant		$ _____
Loan		$ _____
Other Income		$ _____
Total Resources		$ _____
Total Resources		$ _____
Minus Total Expenses		$ _____
Balance: Positive		$ _____
Negative		$ (_____)

42nd annual festival parade a grape success

The 42nd annual Grape and Wine Festival was a grape success. After 10 days of near perfect weather, the festival concluded with the popular Grape and Wine Parade. Shown clockwise from left are some of the parade's crowd pleasers.

Thompson Mighty Steam Calliope built in 1897 was one of 150 entries. **(Photo by Chris Russo)**

This year's Grape King, Roger Vail of Vineland, salutes his royal subjects. **(Photo by Jenn Sheridan)**

Sheik your bootie! The Niagara Shriners were one of 49 musical entries. **(Photo by Jenn Sheridan)**

California Raisins in disguise? **(Photo by Jenn Sheridan)**

The Big V Drug Stores' Crusader was kept busy dodging powerlines while providing some of the biggest smiles on spectators' faces. **(Photo by Greg Furminger)**

Student Administrative Council 'going for it'

By STUART MCDONALD
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Student Administrative Council is "going for it," says Frank Keltos, vice-president athletics.

Keltos is referring to the events SAC has planned for first semester, including a pub band, a college mascot competition, a Buffalo Bills football game and a velcro-wall jump.

On Sept. 30, SAC approved a proposal by the Horticultural Centre to have a pub band on Wednesday, Oct. 13. SAC will pay $150 of the $350 cost for the band Strickly Hip to appear at Smart Alex on St. David's Road in St. Catharines.

The Horticultural Centre will pay the remaining $200 and receive all proceeds from a $2 cover charge to fund special events and pay for promotional materials.

The college mascot competition, on Friday, Nov. 26, takes place at a bar called The Rocks, in Barrie, Ont. This is the first year Niagara College has entered the competition.

Brad Billard, vice-president social, will be in the Niagara Knight costume and said he hopes to have a "bus load" of Niagara College students to cheer him on.

The competition has three parts. The first is a one-minute impromptu routine. "It's basically a cartwheel here and a back flip there," said Billard.

Other competitions include a fan motivation gesture and audience participation. "It's important to get a lot of students to go there (Barrie) because other colleges are not going to root for our mascot," said Billard.

Another SAC event happens on Nov. 1 when 90 Niagara College students will attend a Monday night football game between the Buffalo Bills and the Washington Redskins in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Last year's SAC sold 15 tickets to a Bills' game but this year 30 tickets were sold out in about four days, said Keltos. "Sept. 27, 20 people came into the SAC office and asked to buy tickets and I said I had sold them all," he said. SAC held an informal meeting and made a decision to buy more tickets and order another bus.

Keltos said the student turnout was a "great success" for SAC. "Early advertising and the fact that we offered transportation, a ticket, food and beverages all helped in selling the tickets."

SAC's final term event will be a velcro-wall jump.

SPORTS

Two firsts for Niagara football

By MONIKA QUECKENSTEDT
Staff Writer

For the first time in Niagara's history, the Niagara Knights touch football team is in first place after the regionals last weekend in Hamilton.

The Knights defeated Lambton College of Sarnia 53-6 and went on to first place after beating the Mohawk Mountaineers 10-2 at Bernie Arbour Stadium on Oct. 2.

Last year, the Knights went 0-3 with successive losses to Humber, Mohawk and Lambton colleges at the regionals.

"We've got more speed than last year," says the college's co-ordinator of athletics and football coach Peter Rylander. "For the past 15 years (in touch football) Mohawk has won 11 (provincial) tournaments.

"That's the first time we've ever beaten Mohawk," he said.

On Oct. 16, the Knights will play in Kingston for the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) Provincial Championships.

Mohawk is in second place for the provincial tournament.

"I think that they learned a lot as the two games progressed," said assistant coach Randy Conlon, 26, information officer at the college's marketing and communications department.

Quarterback Dan MacNab, 20, a second-year Law and Security Administration program student, has played touch football for eight years. He said he felt "relieved (because) I knew we had the talent this year on both sides of the line in offense and defense."

While 38 Niagara College students tried out for the team, only 15 were selected.

The Niagara College Touch Football Team back row left to right Assistant Coach Randy Conlon, Pete DiPaola, 24, John Anger, 21, Scott Currie, 23, Chris Dohan, 19, Merv Wrighton, 27, Ian Brooks, 20, Chris Breen, 24, Dan MacNab, 20, Coach Peter Rylander. Front row left to right Matt Lane, 21, Lamar VanDusen, 20, Jason Reynolds, 20, John Nicholson, 20, Guy McKinnon, 29, Robin Machanger, 19, David Nethersole, 20. **Photo by Monika Queckenstedt**

Volleyball team poised to win

By FRANK SERRA
Staff Writer

Our goal is to finish first in our division, said Ray Sarkis, coach of the Niagara Knights men's volleyball team.

With six returning players and some "new good prospects," the Knights have a chance of doing just that.

This year about 27 players came out for the team. That number has been cut down to 13 with the first tournament approaching.

"Around Christmas time we lose a couple of players for one reason or another, I don't mind carrying a few extra guys," Sarkis said.

The college league is split into two divisions. Niagara will play in Division II, along with George Brown, Redeemer and Georgian. The teams will play each other twice, home and away, and will also face other divisional teams in tournaments throughout the year. The winners of Division II will face the champions of Division I for the Ontario championship. The teams in Division I include Sheridan, Durham, Loyalist, Seneca, Humber, Mohawk and Centennial.

Playing in Division II makes it easier on the players because there is less travelling involved and fewer classes being missed.

Sarkis is counting on team captain Jim Konrad to lead the team to a successful season along with the other five returning players, Don Shantz, Brent Roszell, Brian Dekker, Rich Holman and Alain Belanger. Sarkis is also looking to new players Eric VanHuzen and Luke Ashton to contribute significantly.

The team will begin play with a tournament at Redeemer College in Ancaster on Oct. 23 and then travel to Toronto for a game against George Brown on Nov. 3. The Knights' first home game will be on Thursday Nov. 18 against Redeemer College beginning at 8 p.m. in the school gym at the Welland campus.

Fans are encouraged to come out and support the team.

It's tee time

By MIKE MICHAUD
Staff Writer

Fore!

The summer may be over, but that doesn't mean summer sports are over as well. For golf enthusiasts, now is your chance to shoot a few holes before the snow comes.

Niagara College's student branch of the I.E.E.E. (Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers) is holding its fourth annual Golf Day tomorrow at the Municipal Golf Course in St. Catharines, beginning at 10 a.m. A rain date has been set for the following weekend.

There will also be a dinner at Eddie's in Port Dalhousie. Prizes, including gift certificates from local restaurants, memberships to the I.E.E.E. computer bulletin board and a trackball, will be raffled off at the dinner, which begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets cost $25 for golf and dinner and $10 for those interested only in the dinner. For those without golf clubs, rentals are available at the golf course for $7.

Registration sheets are posted in the I.E.E.E. office at L12. The event is open to students and staff.

Convery so close to lifelong dream

By FRANK SERRA
Staff Writer

One can only imagine what runs through a hockey player's mind when he comes so close to a lifelong dream.

Brandon Convery was recently sent back to junior levels by the Toronto Maple Leafs for the second straight year. His visions of a career in the National Hockey League are put on hold for yet another year.

The second-year Niagara Falls Thunder player spends many days alone at the rink sharpening his skills that will someday lead him to the NHL.

Although Convery had a good camp and was praised by scouts, the Leafs elected to have him develop one more season in junior.

The 19-year-old Kingston, Ont. native was the Toronto Maple Leafs' eighth pick overall in the 1992 draft.

Convery reported for the Leaf camp on Sept. 10 and played in one exhibition game against the Montreal Canadiens where he scored a goal.

"I thought it was easier at this year's camp than last year's even though the guys were younger, I knew the faces and the guys and I knew what to expect," he said.

The daily routine at camp would see the players scrimmage in the morning for an hour or two and then workout lightly to finish the day. The rest of the time was free for the rookies to enjoy.

"I liked the schedule and being around that atmosphere," Convery said.

This was the second Toronto Maple Leaf training camp attended by the Niagara Falls Thunder centreman.

"You learn a lot up there (in Toronto). They're expecting me to come back and be a leader here. I have to dominate junior this year and hopefully make the world junior team at Christmas time as well as help the Thunder as much as I can."

'They're expecting me ...to be a leader here.'

Convery has a year left of eligibility in junior and hopes to be asked back to try out for the Canadian junior team in December. He attended a summer camp for the team and will be evaluated from now until November in hopes of playing in the world junior tournament in the former Czechoslovakia in late January 1994.

Niagara Falls head coach Larry Marson said Convery has a better attitude since he has come back from the Leafs.

"Any experience you get at that level that you can add and help with the younger kids, I think is a real bonus for our hockey club," Marson said.

The Niagara Falls Thunder play their home games at the Memorial Arena. Their next two home games are Thursday, Oct. 14 against Owen Sound and Saturday, Oct. 16 against North Bay.

Toronto Maple Leafs' draft pick Brandon Convery returns to the Niagara Falls Thunder.

Photo by Frank Serra

Social contract concerns

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Because of the social contract, faculty and support staff have their salaries frozen for three years, while administration staff salaries are frozen for two years.

In the social contract, the government has the option of giving administration, faculty and support staff members as many as 12 days unpaid leave. And this option is open-ended.

In a letter from Hastings-Dove to college president John Saso, she addresses this issue.

"Clearly in the sector document there is no termination date for the 12 days unpaid leave. They could simply be imposed year after year, by a government that would find the savings targets, including 'productivity savings realized towards the target for that fiscal year,' whatever they might be, were not met. It could become an ongoing 'cash cow' for this government or any new government, on the backs of the employees and students."

The letter adds: "Further, not only does the sector agreement leave it open regarding the termination date of the 12-day impostions, it goes on to say that 'if these savings are still insufficient, there will be layoffs.' If we do not express our revulsion towards this Draconian policy now, there very well could be serious implications for the future security of our employees, and in turn the quality of education for our students."

With increases in tuition and other fees, such as books, parking and SAC; cutbacks in the number of hours in programs and the effects of the social contract, such as larger classes and teachers who are receiving reduced salaries, and increased work loads (teachers have six less days to do the same amount of work as last year), Hastings-Dove is concerned with the quality and affordability of the college education students will receive.

The fact the provincial government implemented the social contract, a party that many union members supported, "initially surprised union members and later left them feeling betrayed," she said.

"That fact has made it tougher to come to terms with," Hastings-Dove said.

Native ceremony

By JENN SHERIDAN
Staff Writer

The Aboriginal Education Access office at the Welland campus is having a tree-planting ceremony on Oct. 14.

All students and teachers are invited to attend the ceremony, which takes place between After Hours and the Simcoe building at 2 p.m.

The type of tree used will be a White Pine-the tree of Peace.

Elders from the native community will be at the event as well as several representatives from the college.

Correction

In the Niagara News article, "Aboriginal Access office open to everyone" (Vol. 24, No. 1, Sept. 24, 1993, page 13), the location should have read room S102B.

New programs for January

By ANDREA SNIDER
Staff Writer

A new breed of college programs are finding their way to Niagara College.

Thirteen new programs will be implemented in January and will run through a summer session and be completed in 1 1/2 years instead of two.

Some of the new programs are spinoffs of programs cancelled this year because of the lack of interest, such as Fashion Merchandising, Business Sales and College Vocational. Others are new and enjoying early popularity.

The most exciting new arrival is the Recreation-Leadership program, which is garnering high demand, says David Schleich, the college's vice-president academic.

There will also be a new-and-improved Law and Security Administration program, Culinary Skills program and Nursing program.

Up until now, there were only two such programs, one business and one technical. With the new January-start programs, there will be two business and three technical program areas.

Schleich says the present programs will be "expanded dramatically," and that the new program ideas will be both cost and time efficient.

Students who finish high school in January are no longer forced to wait out the year until September to begin their post-secondary careers, he said.

Although plans for the January starts are in the works, no official confirmation has been reached. Other programs to be implemented include; Dental Office Administration, International Trade and Human Relations.

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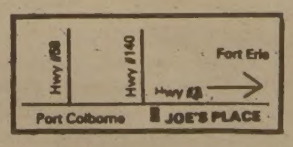

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